DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Then please make a motion to that effect. Please move for the postponement of clause 31 and the remaining clauses till tomorrow. I do not think there will be time enough to draft an amendment to these clauses now. Please make a formal motion to that effect.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): I beg to move that the further consideration of the Bill be postponed till tomorrow.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): I second the motion.

The motion for adjourning the consideration of the remaining clauses was carried.

THE TRAVANCORE MINES AND MINERALS BILL.

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore mines and minerals Bill may be taken up now. With regard to this Bill, the Select Committee was appointed in the first session of 1099. But between that time and now the second session of 1099 and the first session of 1100 have passed. Since the last motion relating to the Bill, more than two sessions have passed; and under Standing Order No. 4, the Bill must therefore be taken to have lapsed unless this Council orders its continuance. I therefore move that the Council permit the continuance of the Bill.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): I second the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House permits the continuance of the Bill?

The motion was carried.

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of (1) Mr. I. C. Chacko, the member who should be included under the Standing Orders; (2) Mr. A. J. Van Ross; (3) Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai who was a member on the last committee, (4) Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai and (5) myself.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does the House accept the proposal of Mr. Kayyalam Paramesvaran Pillai?

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I will also add Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai and Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I second the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does the House accept the proposal?

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Names, please.

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MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) :

(1) Mr. I. C. Chacko
(2) ,, A. J. Van Ross
(3) ,, R. Dhanukoti Pillai
(4) ,, Kayyalam Paramesvaran Pillai.
(5) Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.
(6) ,, G. Paramesvaran Pillai
(7) ,, T. Kumara Pillai

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The committee should submit the report in three months.

The motion was carried.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I appoint Mr. Kayyalam Paramesvaran Pillai as the Chairman of the Committee.

THE CINEMATOGRAPH BILL.

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, I rise to introduce a Bill for regulating Cinematograph Exhibitions. The Bill together with a full statement of objects and reasons has been published in the Gazette. I move that the Bill be read in Council.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : I second it.

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, two main purposes are sought to be achieved by this Bill. One is to ensure the safety of those who attend cinematograph exhibitions. The cinema has become a very popular amusement; and as a famous writer said recently in an article in a newspaper, it is a most momentous invention of this age next in importance only to the wireless. Naturally the cinematograph exhibitions are largely attended and it is necessary to look after the safety and protection of those who attend such performances. There must not be overcrowding, there must be sufficient ventilation, accommodation for latrine etc., and above all, the people who attend must be protected from fire. The cinematograph apparatus is of an easily inflammable material and we have very often read of fires in cinematograph houses. One of the provisions of the Bill therefore is that the cinematograph exhibitions should be conducted only in licensed permises, one of the main conditions of the license being that sufficient arrangements should be taken to ensure the safety of the people who attend the performances.

Another important provision of the Bill and another object sought to be achieved by the proposed enactment is to prohibit the exhibition of improper films. The exhibition by means of cinemotagraph creates such a deep impression and such a thorough communion with the thing exhibited in the minds of those who attend that many, especially children, become permanently imbued with the spirit of what is exhibited. It is therefore necessary that the films that are exhibited are of a proper nature lest the morals of those who attend the cinemas, especially the younger folk, be depraved by exhibition of indecent scenes. I may say also that the cinematograph may be made an instrument for propagating seditious matter or such matter as would wound religious feelings of

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